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Harry Truman	Finds results where both the term <i>Harry</i> and the term <i>Truman</i> are present. There is an implicit <i>AND</i> between the words entered. They do not need to be next to each other and they do not need to be in the order specified.
Harry AND Truman	Finds results where both the term <i>Harry</i> and the term <i>Truman</i> are present.
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(Franklin OR (Theodore NOT Teddy)) AND Roosevelt	Finds <i>Franklin Roosevelt</i> and <i>Theodore Roosevelt</i> (as long as there is no reference to <i>Teddy Roosevelt</i>).
bal*	Finds <i>ball</i> , <i>balance</i> , <i>ballast</i> , <i>balderdash</i> , etc.

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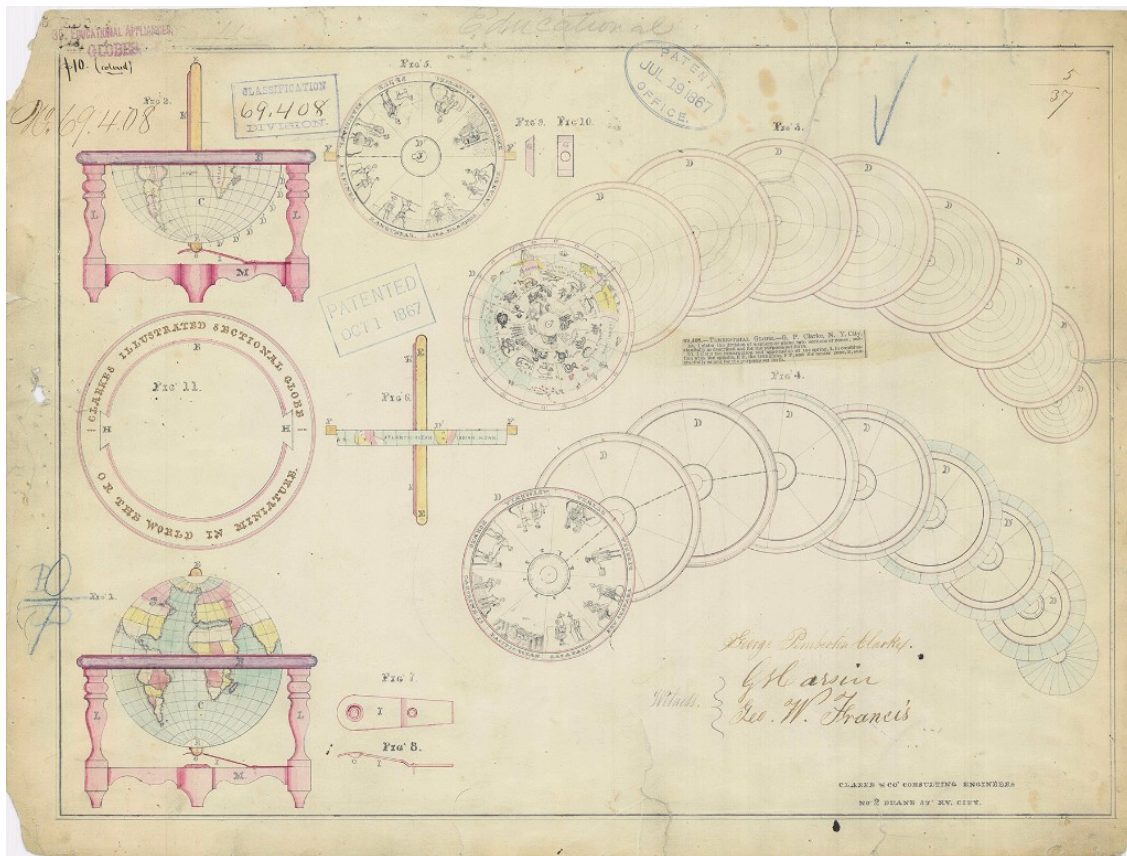
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President Richard Nixon and First Lady Pat Nixon with Actresses Debbie Reynolds and Carrie Fisher, 2/10/1974



President Richard Nixon and U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander John McCain at the 1973 White House Correspondents Dinner, 3/14/1973



President Richard Nixon and Singer Ray Charles Meeting in the Oval Office, 9/15/1972

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